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Center director continues tradition of safety, health at KSC

Atlantis ready to move to VAB for stacking

Center Director Bill Parsons Reinforces Need for Safety: "This year's Safety and Health Organizational Focus, 'All Hands on Safety and Health,' has been designed to remind us that safety and health are integral parts of everything we do, both here at KSC and at home, and that the responsibility of providing a safe and healthful place to live and work belongs to each of us. The All Hands on Safety and Health activities (available online at <http://nasa.ksc.nasa.gov/safetyhealth07/index.html>) will allow for detailed discussions on safety and health as they pertain to your actual work setting and its potential hazards. KSC directorates are encouraged to partner with their support contractors during their safety and health organizational focus activities. I strongly encourage all NASA-KSC employees to actively participate. There is no better way to begin a new year than to focus on safety and health. Our continued success in processing and launching space vehicles depends on it."

◆ **Shuttle Update:** Final vehicle closeouts are under way in preparation for technicians to move **Atlantis** to the Vehicle Assembly Building on Feb. 7. Last week, the payload bay was cleaned and the doors were closed. The doors were cycled one last time and closed for flight this week.

The external tank scheduled to fly with **Atlantis**, designated ET-124, is in the checkout cell in the Vehicle Assembly Building for final processing prior to being mated to the solid rocket boosters in high bay 1.

On **Endeavour** last week, technicians installed the left-hand orbiter maneuvering system pod on the vehicle and performed interface verification. Main propulsion system leak, functional and electrical checkouts were successfully completed, along with water spray boiler checkout and servicing.

◆ **All-Hands Meeting:** Space Shuttle Program Manager Wayne Hale will hold an all-hands meeting from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday in the

training auditorium. Hale will reflect on the successes of last year and discuss the challenging missions ahead of us this year. The meeting is open to all NASA and contractor employees on a first-come, first-served basis -- no seating will be allocated. The meeting will be broadcast live on closed-circuit television, channel 7.

■ **SWE Seeks Award Nominations** — The Society of Women Engineers, Space Coast Section, is requesting nominations for Women Engineer of the Year Awards to be presented Feb. 27 at the Rockledge Country Club. The awards are for Space Coast Woman Engineer Technical Achievement, Space Coast Outstanding Woman Engineer, and Space Coast Distinguished New Woman Engineer. Specific criteria, along with information relative to submission of nominees and award applications, are available online at <http://www.swe-sc.org/Award>. Nominations are due to the Society of Women Engineers, Space Coast Section, on or before Jan. 25. Please send a courtesy copy of the nomina-

tion to NASA Awards Officer Lori Hicks, mail code: BA-C.

■ **Mark Your Calendars** — The KSC All American Picnic will be held **March 10** at KARS Park I. There will be fun, food and entertainment for everyone. Watch the *KSC Countdown* and *KSC Daily News* for additional information.

■ **Volunteers Needed** — The Society of Women Engineers is seeking volunteers to assist with its Introducing Girls to Engineering Workshop, a program for girls in third to ninth grades, being held at Merritt Island High School on Jan. 27. Details are on the Web at <http://www.swe-sc.org/IGEW/VolunteerReg.htm>. If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy Kersey at judy.kersey@swe.org or call 783-4644.

■ **Did You Know?** The NASA family pauses on the final Thursday in January (the 25th this year) for a Day of Remembrance, honoring the fallen heroes of Apollo 1, Challenger and Columbia, and all those who have given their lives in the cause of exploration and discovery.

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